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SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Editor, The Mirror Journal:

Dear Sir:—With your permission I desire to reply to your own article and the communication appearing in the issue of Jan. 15th, in which H. L. Dougan upbraids the local authorities for a miscarriage in the eyes of that gentleman of justice, and incidentally deplores the fact, if fact it is, that Mirror has become the plague spot of the North American continent; its happy homes degraded and demoralized and its children becoming contaminated by the visits of women (or to be correct, of a woman in this case), who was more to be pitied than censured, least of all by a minister of the Gospel.

I have been given to understand that the writer of the previous week's epistle to the Mirrorites was an instigator in the arrest of the women in question, and that he with others did not deem it necessary to lay their complaint before the proper local authorities, but communicated with the department in Edmonton. Why did not this morally sound interview the local administration in regard to this matter, and then, if no action was taken, carry the information to the powers that be, higher up; or did they neglect to do so in order to appear as moral reformers in the eyes of the public, with all the

advertising which the visit of the Provincial detectives would bring. The steps they took would imply that all the local authorities were aware of the state of affairs and had refused to act. Such not being the case, however, we consider the action taken unusual for, and an insinuation that the Village Council and local J. P. are incompetent. It is on record that as soon as the guilty parties were brought before the Justice of the Peace they were fined and the women released out of town. We are safe in saying that had the same complaint been laid before the J. P. by the same parties, the same result would have been obtained without any unnecessary publicity. We are therefore, to disagree with the statement made by H. L. Dougan that "it became necessary for provincial detectives to come in and raid the places." And by the way where is the other place?

Not content with casting a slur on the local authorities the Rev. Dougan saw fit to ventilate the matter in public print, this acquainting every man, woman and child, able to read, in Mirror and surrounding country, with a condition that was only known to a small number of our own residents. While we do not approve of prostitution, yet we must agree with the majority of authorities on this question, that a discussion through the press, and particularly that of a small town, is only harmful and only tends to arouse the curiosity of young people who, would, otherwise, have no interest in such things.

We must also disagree with the statement that "the children of our town could not fail to know what was going on right in our own midst," i.e., previous to the publication of his letter and articles for themselves. A great many Mirrorites did not know what was going on until enlightened by the articles appearing in The Journal.

We were not aware that the "happiness of the homes of our citizens" was in danger until the Rev. Dougan called our attention to the fact. Were they in danger, so we emphatically stated? However we do consider the indiscriminate publication of such articles in our home paper as more a source of danger and one likely to imperil the happiness of homes.

As to the "polly flu" imposed on the "fortified" women, and to which the reverend gentleman seems to take strong objection to, we think the J. P. displayed far more of the spirit embodied in the teachings of the New Testament, that our worthy friend himself, as his letter would indicate.

With the regard to the earnings of such a woman, we are forced to take Mr. Dougan's word, as we know of no statistics on the subject and our personal experience is nil.

Mr. Editor, in regard to your article dealing with practically the same subject, we wish to call your attention to several instances. First you state that the disguised female paid for the drinks in the hotel. We have been informed on reliable authority that this was not the case. Secondly, you infer that the constable took no action in the matter, whereas it is a fact

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LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Curtis, of Bashaw, was a Mirror visitor on Monday.

Don't forget the date of the big masquerade dance on Feb. 12th.

Beumi-h & Co., shipped two cars of hogs on Saturday to Edmonton.

G. C. Webb, of Bashaw, was in Mirror on Monday transacting business.

Bring in that leaky milk pail, we will stop the leaks, Mirror Hardware.

Miss Doris Johnson of Cranbrook, B. C. is visiting at present with Mamie Lowery.

Mr. Everett Heagle who has been in Kansas City for the past five months returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Hans Kiesel left last week accompanied by her sister on a visit to her parents in Edmonton.

How about that gas engine, is it working? If not I can fix it. Leave word at The Journal Office.

Mrs. E. Erwin left on Wednesday for Calgary, where she will join her husband, and go to housekeeping.

The local telephone office will be closed between the hour of 12 o'clock to 1 p. m. instead of 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. as formerly.

Miss Mary Kadlee returned from Edmonton last week where she has been visiting with friends for several weeks.

There will be no service in St. Monica's church next Sunday, Jan. 31st, as the rector will be at Clive and Fountains Town.

The Mutual Improvement Society will meet at Mrs. K. B. Iverson's next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All interested are invited to attend.

The Royal Neighbors will meet at Mrs. Jas. Wright on Feb. 3d. This being a business meeting all members are requested to attend.

Mrs. Ed. Bray returned home on Monday last from her visit to Fort George, where she has been visiting for several weeks. We are pleased to report that she is much improved in health.

H. Patterson and G. Harrison of Battleview, Alta. visited with Mrs. Lowery the past week. They left yesterday to visit friends in South Alberta. H. Patterson is a nephew of Mrs. Lowery.

As an advertising medium the MIRROR JOURNAL has the goods. To prove it we will cite a case. Last week there was a For Sale ad inserted in the JOURNAL, advertising a baby buggy for sale. The paper was put in the post office on Friday morning and on Saturday morning the buggy was sold. If you have anything to sell or want to buy try a small ad in the MIRROR JOURNAL.

R. N. W. M. P.

Visits Mirror

On Tuesday January 19th, a member of the mounted Police visited Mirror and took into custody Wm. Lowery on a charge of breaking and entering a railway box car. At the preliminary hearing sufficient evidence was produced to justify binding the prisoner over for hearing at the next assizes.

On Saturday, January 23rd the Police again put in appearance and placed a Mr. Richardson and Mr. Black under arrest on the charge of wheat stealing. In the evidence it was shown that there was no cause for holding Mr. Richardson, and he was released at once, but Mr. Black was bound over until court sits. The two prisoners Mr. Lowery and Mr. Black are being held at Fort Saskatchewan to await their trials.

Hymen's-Alter

Mr. E. W. Buelow, one of our prosperous farmers living northwest of town, returned Saturday from a visit to the states, Mr. Buelow brought back with him a helpmate, and the many friends join the JOURNAL in wishing her and his bride all kinds of luck and happiness on the sea of wedded life.

On their way back the happy couple made a honeymoon trip of it by visiting Spokane, Wash., Macleod and Calgary, Alberta. Following is an account of the wedding:

The contractible home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thoni of the Swiss settlement was the scene of a very pretty wedding at high noon Thursday, December 31, when their daughter, Hilda Annie was united in marriage to Edward William Buelow of Mirror, Alberta. The wedding ceremony was read by Rev. Osbourne, the bride party standing under an archway of green and white. The rooms were tastefully decorated with evergreen bows and foliage. The bride was very becomingly dressed in a beautiful gown of white satin messaline draped with imported silk chastity lace. Her veil of white bridal illusion was crowned with a wreath of orange blossoms.

Miss Alice, sister of the bride had the honor of serving as bridesmaid, also of carrying made the bridal dress. Alfred Buelow of Mirror, Alberta, brother of the groom, was best man. The invited guests were Ludwig Mentzel of St. Paul, Minn. brother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Flick and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steiner. Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served. The large wedding cake, the frosting forming beautiful clusters of grapes and roses, was made by Mr. Mentzel. During the evening about ninety invited guests assembled at the scene of festivity and a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing and games. Just as the old year made room for the new the newlyweds and guests were busily engaged in the game of "cats." In this game no doubt all were winners, as the supper was exceedingly appetizing as well as bountiful. The happy couple have the best wishes of a very large circle of friends.

Miss Thoni has resided here since her birth and Mr. Buelow, now a prosperous farmer of Mirror, Alberta, formerly lived in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Buelow were the recipients of a large number of beautiful as well as useful presents. A nice collection of presents was received by the bride-to-be.

—Statesman - Index, Colesville, Wash.

Lady Teacher Wanted

Lake Bend S. D. No. 1811. School to start March 15th, for eight months. Apply stating salary to J. D. Munroe, Sec'y-Treas, Mirror, 18-3-pp.

WOODMEN LECTURE

On Friday evening last the Mirror lodge of The Modern Woodmen of America and The Royal Neighbors gave a public installation and illustrated lecture in Kadie's hall.

The proceedings opened with the installation of The Royal Neighbors which was a very interesting ceremony. Then followed the installation of The Modern Woodmen which was performed by O. C. Johnson, Deputy for Albert. The Woodmen installation was gone through by a short installation, owing to allow more time for the illustrated lecture which followed immediately after.

Deputy Johnson opened the lecture by throwing the opening ode hymn on the screen which all joined in singing. The speaker gave a full explanation of every picture thrown upon the screen.

The membership of the order was gone into and a full explanation of the order was touched upon by the speaker.

The sanatorium which is conducted by The Modern Woodmen of America goes to show that every care is taken of its members who are taken there for the treatment of

tuberculosis.

The dance which followed was well attended.

W. C. McCormack returned home from his trip to Buffalo, N. Y., on Tuesday. Mr. McCormack has not only been taking a business rest, but has taken an active part in publicity work by endeavoring to explain to his many friends whom he came in contact with what Mirror and district was noted for. We understand that several parties have promised Mr. McCormack that they intend to visit the Mirror district early in the spring. Mr. McCormack regrets that he could not spare more time, but we feel sure that he has done his part, and we hope that he will have the pleasure of showing his friends around the Mirror district.

PIANO CONTEST

RECORD

The following is the standing of contestants in the piano contest.

Contestant	Number of Votes.
100.	3000489
9.	314879
44.	125015
8.	71505
21.	901345
148.	51758
128.	491305
140.	61955
4.	355880
104.	158642
32.	139718
119.	111068
71.	88053
19.	70871
2.	68801
151.	68508
37.	63998
29.	60140
84.	46670
12.	43804
11.	40853
87.	40687
100.	34590
101.	33471
128.	32783
104.	29400
98.	20150
104.	18647
31.	13939
80.	13114
101.	10851
100.	10154
92.	10115
104.	10068
100.	10003
121.	9014
101.	8666
97.	8097
102.	7688
118.	7100
12.	7000
58.	7000
18.	5016

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- 5 " for every cent on Job Printing
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that he ordered them off the street. Further more can you prove that she had a professional game of pool; and by what authority do you imply that the young men about town, would or did look favorably upon the antics of this woman and her intoxicated companion. Most of the young men, with whom I have spoken, have felt insulted by your suggestion, that they would be proud of such actions, and are of the opinion that anyone who would impute such motives to them is worthy, not only of a temporary holiday, but a permanent residence at Ponoka.

In conclusion, I wish to say that we are all for a clean town, but I, for one, do not believe in "washing dirty linen" in public. If the letter and articles going into detail, in your recent issue had not been published, the fact that Mirror had been the scene of a disgraceful orgy of debauchery would not have been made public from Coast to Coast and all through the United States, as The Journal has an American-wide circulation.

Gentlemen, if this is your idea of giving a "clean reputation," I must strongly disagree with your notion of what helps to give a town a good name. There are events in the life of all communities which tend to have a demoralizing effect on the inhabitants, but I fail to see where any material benefit is gained by the publication of the facts. This not only applies to instances that have occurred in the past and will continue to occur in the future.

Yours, &c.,
"PUBRICAN"

"Silence Is Golden"—But!

In another column in this week's issue appears a letter signed "Pubrican" in which he takes exception to several things contained in the Mirror Journal of January 15th, one of them being a letter from the Rev. Mr. Dougan, of which we will say nothing as our columns are at all times open for communications, but, "Pubrican" also takes a "slap at" for a couple of articles written by ourselves (the editor of this paper), which we have no objection to as we are always open to criticism and we will hold no grudge for criticism that is merited, but in this case we can not see where we have any criticism coming as in the first place we did not accuse anyone of being under intoxication as the letter says we did and secondly we did not say or imply

that "the young men of Mirror DO look upon this thing as something to be proud of," but we said that "SHOULD a thing like this be looked upon by young men as something to be proud of, we would suggest, etc." As for our statement regarding the bar room incident, we corrected that in last week's issue. Also we did not state that "the game of pool was played," what we did say was that they entered one of Mirror's pool rooms TO play a game of pool." We think that if "Pubrican" will take another look at the article under discussion he will be able to see where he overstepped in his desire to take a slap at us.

As to the letter's reference to the constable we can only say that if he did not know the state of affairs until this appearance on the streets of the parties concerned, he should have taken action to clean the town of this sort of transients, when he became aware of one stopping in town, or at least acquainted the village council or our local Justice of the case and given them a chance to deal with it, and what's more this appearance on the streets was on the 4th of January, while the provincial officers did not appear in public dress until the 8th, thereby giving the local constable four full days in which to act, which, in our estimation was ample time. Also the statutes positively state that anyone male or female appearing in public dressed otherwise than such are liable to arrest, and it was the local constables duty to make an arrest on the spot, when he discovered a woman masquerading in man's clothes.

And if the constable would have done his duty in regards to this, all this "washing of dirty linen" would not have appeared in public.

But there are times in the history of all communities that

it takes publicity to awaken the public to action, and in this instance it appears to be the case with Mirror.

The Modern Woodman of America are giving a Masquerade Dance in Kadlec's hall on Friday evening Feb. 12th. This is promised to be the best dance of the season. Prizes will be given for the two best costumes, lady and gentleman. First-class music has been secured, and a good time is assured to all who attend. Supper will be served by the Royal Neighbors.

Col. W. A. Stewart

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